[Mr. S. Paramesvara Aiyar.]

MR. S. KRISHNA AIYAR (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Is a special officer always needed there?

PRESIDENT: No, not always, but only when there is plague.

The motion was put to the vote and carried.

DEMAND XVI—CHEMICAL EXAMINER, ETC.

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I beg to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 350 for the purchase of a microscope for the Chemical Examiner. There is at present a microscope in the Chemical Examiner's laboratory. But it is an old one and its magnifying power is very low. It has become thoroughly out of order. I need not tell the House how it is necessary for the Chemical Examiner's laboratory to have a microscope.

RAO BAHADUR K. A. KRISHNA AIYANGAR (*Nominated*)(*Deputy President*): May I know what the Chemical Examiner did ever since the instrument went out of order? What other instrument was he using?

PRESIDENT: Now it has become thoroughly out of order.

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Chemical Examiner is also the Government Bacteriologist and he can occasionally make use of the instrument provided for that office.

PRESIDENT: I take it that the House has no objection to sanction the demand.

The grant was made.

DEMAND XIX.—SCIENTIFIC AND MISCELLANEOUS DEPARTMENTS—CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES.

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Sir, I rise to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 1,722 under Demand XIX, Scientific and Miscellaneous Departments—Co-operative Societies—for the retention of 3 Temporary Co-operative Inspectors and 3 peons in connection with flood relief work. It will be seen from the budget for the current year that a special provision of Rs. 2 lakhs has been mad for the grant of special loans for flood relief and restoration in the flood-affected areas in North Travancore. This amount of Rs. 2 lakhs has to be distributed through Co-operative Societies to persons who apply for such loans. The matter was referred to the Registrar of Co-operative Societies and he pointed out that there were about 780 Co-operative Societies in the State, with only 12 Inspectors, that this worked out at the rate of about 65 Societies *per* Inspector and that it would be impossible for these Inspectors to check the applications for the loans and to see to their proper distribution. Hence he applied for the services of three Temporary Inspectors for employment in flood-affected areas; and the matter having come up after the last meeting of the Council and orders having had to be passed urgently, their appointments had to be sanctioned by the Government

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as an emergent measure, under Section 16 (9) of the Legislative Council Regulation, for a period of 4 months. That period would be expiring by about the middle of next month. The Registrar has now applied for the services of these Temporary Inspectors being continued for the whole of the current year and has pointed out that there would be adequate work for them for the whole of the year. Of these Inspectors one is posted at Alwaye having jurisdiction over the taluks of Kunnatnad and Parur, another at Kuttattukulam having jurisdiction over the taluks of Minachil and Muvattupuzha, and the third at Vaikam having jurisdiction over the taluks of Vaikam, Ambalapuzha and Shertallai. It is reported that these officers are doing good work, that they are scrutinising every application for loan from the Central Bank, and, when the Central Bank sanctions loans they are seeing that the Co-operative Societies concerned are distributing the amounts properly among the members of the Societies for whose benefit they are intended. In the circumstances, I hope that the House will be pleased to accept the motion.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know what the pay of the permanent Inspectors is?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Rs. 40 to Rs. 70.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): How many of them are getting above Rs. 60 and how many below 50?

PRESIDENT: That could be ascertained from the Civil List.

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It is not possible now to say how many of them are getting over Rs. 60 as they have a time-scale pay.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): What is the necessity for temporary men on Rs. 60 and Rs. 50 when there are permanent men drawing a less pay?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Of the three men newly appointed, only two get Rs. 60. They are agricultural graduates specially selected in the hope that they will be able to attend to this urgent work more satisfactorily than the permanent men in the department. They are Bachelors of Agriculture and not ordinary graduates or under-graduates and they have to be started on a higher salary.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): When these people are absorbed, will they not become seniors?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): That question does not arise now. It is a question for the future whether they will be absorbed, and when they are absorbed the question of seniority will have to be considered. As it is, the appointments are purely temporary.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): What is the advantage in entertaining these Bachelors of Agriculture as Co-operative Inspectors?

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[Mr. S. Parameswara Aiyar.]

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The distribution of the loan has to be made among agriculturists. New societies have to be formed among agriculturists in flood-affected areas, and it is hoped that the men who have had a training in agriculture will be better able to cope with this work than the ordinary Co-operative Inspectors.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): How does their degree qualify them for this work?

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Nedumangad*): Are they men who possess University Degrees?

PRESIDENT: Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai is himself putting a question to the member in possession of the House. You cannot now ask him a question.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): I am not in possession of the House. Another gentleman is in possession of the House. I am simply taking advantage of that and putting him a question. I want to ask how a degree in Agriculture qualifies the men for the distribution of funds among agriculturists.

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): That is only one item of their work. They are also supposed to stimulate the formation of Agricultural Societies, particularly of the non-credit type, in the flood-affected areas.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): What I should like to know is how their degree qualifies them for this work.

PRESIDENT: What is meant is that while they are at the distribution of these loans and their proper utilisation they should also do propaganda work and try to instil agricultural ideas in the members of existing societies and also start additional societies. They are superior men who have been trained at the cost of Government.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): If they are superior men, why not absorb them in the department?

PRESIDENT: There are no permanent vacancies.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Nedumangad*): May I know whether these people are Bachelors of Agriculture, whether they have taken degrees and can be called Bachelors?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I find from the report of the Registrar of the Co-operative Societies that two of them are Bachelors of Agriculture. B. Ag. is the title found against their names.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Nedumangad*): Of what University are they Bachelors?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I believe they are of the Bombay University.

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KHAN SAHIB M. K. KHADIR PILLAI (*Nominated*): May I know how many societies are in existence in Kuttanad and Alwaye?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I have not got Taluk-war figures. I know the total number of Societies in the State rose from 780 to 830 after the employment of these Inspectors.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): How many applications for loans are there?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Sorry I have not got the figures.

PRESIDENT: I do not know how that arises here.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): It is necessary to know whether the retention of the staff is required or not.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Are there not men in the department already who get more pay than these people?

PRESIDENT: That has been already answered.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): I beg to oppose the grant.

PRESIDENT: Have you anything to say, Mr. Paramesvara Aiyar?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I have nothing more to say, as Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai has not stated the grounds for his opposition.

PRESIDENT: I shall now put the Demand to the vote of the House.

The Demand was put to the vote and carried.

DEMAND XX—PUBLIC WORKS.

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): Sir, I rise to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 26,000 under Demand XX—Public Works, for the following:

(1) Investigating the improvement of river communications in the State—Rs. 1,000;

(2) Structural alterations to the main building, and the addition of a wing to the Chemical Laboratory, in H. H. the Maha Raja's College of Science, Trivandrum—Rs. 15,000;

(3) Repairs to be carried out through the agency of this Department, to the Vernacular School buildings damaged by the flood of Karkatakam 1099—Rs. 10,000.

The sum of Rs. 1,000 asked for under item (1) is intended to meet the charges of the office staff, travelling allowance and contingencies, anticipated to be incurred in the current year from Kumbham to Karkatakam, consequent on the proposed deputation of an Executive Engineer for six months for conducting the investigation. The staff will consist of a typist-clerk on Rs. 25 per mensem and 2 peons on Rs. 9 each per mensem, costing Rs. 43 per mensem or Rs. 215 for 5 months in this

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